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1. PRIOR TO ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THIRD COMITE TODAY, NETHERLANDS DEL CIRCULATED DRAFT RES PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON DECLARATION ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE, MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS. MISOFF, NOTING SIX SEATS FOR WEOS, REMINDED NETHERLANDS REP, SPEEKINBRINK, THAT US WANTED TO OCCUPY ONE OF THEM.

2. AT ORGANIZING MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WEOS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE ON PRIORITY BASIS: NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, UK, US, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, ITALY. FROM OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS ONLY URUGUAY SPOKE IN ITS BEHALF, WHILE SENEGAL GAVE IT HIGH PRIORITY IN ITS LISTING OF ITEMS WITHOUT ACTUALLY EXPLAINING REASONS FOR PLACING IT THERE. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, SAUDI ARABIA, USSR, BYELORUSSIA AND CUBA SPOKE AGAINST ACCORDING IT PRIORITY AT THIS SESSION. WITH EXCEPTION OF SENEGAL AFRICAN SPEAKERS DID NOT LIST IT AMONG THEIR PRIORITY ITEMS.

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3. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE TAKING NOTE OF THE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY-

GENERAL, DOC. A/9644 CONCERNING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 28TH SESSION, THE COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS DURING ITS 30TH SESSION AND THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL DURING ITS 56TH SESSION, CONCERNING THE
ELABORATION A DRAFT DECLARATION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

RECALLING THAT THE COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT ITS
THIRTEENTH SESSION WAS ABLE TO MAKE ONLY LIMITED PROGRESS
IN THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO IT BY RESOLUTION 3069(XXVIII).

DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF 26
MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE,
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS,
ON BASES OF THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS:

AFRICAN STATE	7 SEATS
ASIAN STATE	5 SEATS
EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES	3 SEATS
LATIN AMERICAN STATES	5 SEATS
WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHER STATES	6 SEATS

INVITES THE WORKING GROUP TO ELECT ITS OWN CHAIRMAN.

INVITES THE WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS TO
EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION, WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3069(XXVIII).

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